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To my considerable surprise, the attached arrived on 3 February. People as self-assertive as Riegle are not normally inclined to take the trouble to express thanks to members of the bureaucracy since the normal tendency of Congressmen is to consider civil servants' time theirs to appropriate as a matter of right. In any event, Riegle seems to have gone away content and, at least for the time being, charitably disposed towards the Agency.

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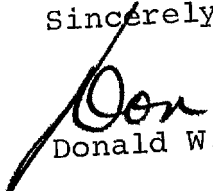
Dear George:

Again I want to thank you for meeting with Carl and myself yesterday and for briefing us on the Indo-China War. I know how busy you must be at this particular time of year and how difficult it was to fit such a briefing into your schedule.

I always enjoy our meetings. Your understanding of what is going on in Indo-China clears away and explains many of the ambiguities and misunderstandings that one hears about or reads in the press concerning the war. I believe that this is the fourth meeting that we have had on the subject of Vietnam, and it was perhaps the most important in terms of our own and North Vietnam's military/political strategy. It was enlightening for me to get your own personal appraisal of the motivations and assumptions that underlie these strategies, and what they mean in terms of the further conduct of the war.

In spite of the seemingly irreconcilable differences that exist between the United States and North Vietnam, I would hope that this would be the final year of the war and the year in which the thread of an agreement could be found. Your own effort toward this end is certainly appreciated by me and I am sure by the other Members of the Congress. In this regard, please let me know if I can ever be of any help to you or your staff.

Sincerely,


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